

*Homegoing Service
Celebrating the Life Of*

A portrait of an elderly woman with dark hair pulled back, wearing a dark blue jacket over a white lace top and a large, ornate necklace. She is smiling slightly. The background is a warm, golden sunset over a body of water with waves.

Joyce Francesca James

Sunrise
November 23, 1931

Sunset
April 21, 2016

Monday, May 2, 2016
12 o'clock

St. Paul A.M.E. Church

369 Monroe Avenue
Kenilworth, New Jersey 07033

The Reverend Vanessa L. Perry, Pastor

Life Reflections

Joyce Francesca Figeroux James was born on November 23, 1931 in Cathreen Steps, Belmont, Port of Spain, Trinidad. Joyce was born to Yvonne Gilbert Figeroux and Dennis Figeroux, Sr.

Joyce graduated from Burkes High School in Port of Spain, Trinidad. After high school, Joyce moved to England to obtain higher education. While in England, she met the love of her life, George Allen James, who was serving in the United States Air Force. The two eventually married.

Shortly thereafter, they relocated to Newark, New Jersey where they began their family. From their union, they were blessed with three sons, Brian, Steven and Alan. Joyce adored her sons. The sun rose and set on her 'boys'.

Joyce had been employed as a Medical Transcriber for many years. Her love for transcribing led her to United Healthcare in Newark, NJ, Alexian Brothers Hospital in Elizabeth, NJ, and Beth Israel in Newark, NJ before joining Rahway Hospital in Rahway, NJ, from which she retired.

Raised Catholic, she had been a member of St. Rosalie Lima Peru in Newark, NJ and St. Joseph the Carpenter in Roselle, NJ. She was a member of St. Paul A. M. E. Church in Kenilworth, NJ at the time of her passing.

As a young woman, Joyce was a Carnival Dancer in Trinidad. She loved Calypso, Soca and traditional gospel music. Disneyworld in Orlando, Florida was one of her favorite places to visit. She travelled there several times. Joyce also enjoyed casino bus rides with her son Alan, and friends. Joyce was always the life of the party. She loved life and lived hers fully.

Joyce departed this life on April 21, 2016 at Cranford Park Hall in Cranford, New Jersey at the age of 84. She was predeceased by her beloved husband, George Allen James, her parents, Yvonne and Dennis Figeroux, Sr.; her siblings, Dennis, Jr., Unipha, Valtrude and Yvonne; her stepdaughter, Sharon Parsons, and a grandson, Jeffrey Parsons.

She leaves to cherish fond memories, her devoted sons: Brian (Scotch Plains, NJ), Steven, and Alan James (Roselle, NJ); five doting grandchildren: Jasper Parsons, Jr., Darnea La Pierre (Lawrence), Tia Brooks, Kaylyn and Kameron James; eight loving great-grandchildren: TeSean, Hasson, EJ, David, Asiya, Madison, Lawren & Ayden; a godson, Raheem Roberson; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Lovingly and Sorrowfully,
The Family

Order Of Service

Organ Prelude.....Organist
Processional Clergy
Hymn of Comfort “Blessed Assurance”
Prayer of Comfort
Scripture The Reverend Dennis Washington
Old Testament - Psalm 23
New Testament - 1 Corinthians 15:51-58
Musical Selection “How Great Thou Art”
Acknowledgement of Cards and Condolences
Reflections (2 minutes, please)
Remarks
Obituary (Please read silently)
Musical Selection “Jesus Promised Me A Home”
Eulogy.....The Reverend Vanessa L. Perry
Committal / Benediction The Reverend Vanessa L. Perry
Recessional Clergy and Family

Cremation – Private

Rosehill Crematory
Linden, New Jersey

Services Entrusted To:

G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC

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Pall Bearers

Family and Friends of **Joyce James**

Memories of You

They say memories are golden
well maybe that is true.
We never wanted memories,
we only wanted you.
A million times we needed you,
a million times we've cried.
If love alone could have saved you
you never would have died.
In life we loved you dearly,
in death we love you still.
In our hearts you hold a place
no one can ever fill.
If tears could build a stairway
and heartache make a lane,
We'd walk the path to heaven
To bring you back again.
Our family chain is broken,
and nothing seems the same.
But as God calls us one by one,
the chain will link again.

Acknowledgement

The family of **Joyce James** acknowledges with sincere appreciation every thought and act of kindness expressed to us during this our hour of bereavement. We will always keep you in our prayers. May God continue to richly bless you.



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